

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, please replace the paragraph added by the Preliminary Amendment filed September 30, 2003, with the following amended paragraph:

This is a continuation of application ~~U.S. Patent Application~~ Serial No. 09/639,755, filed August 15, 2000 ~~(now allowed)~~, now U.S. Patent No. 6,658,434.

Page 31, please replace the paragraph starting at line 13 and continuing to line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

Data on a ~~physical-logical~~ volume is actually stored in logical ~~physical~~ volumes 1508a to 1508n. Physical volumes 1508a to 1508n ~~has~~ have the following features.